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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA INFORMED OF CIRCUMSTANCES OF

GENERAL GONZALEZ' REQUEST FOR ASYLUM: ADDENDUM

REF: A. QUITO 6540

B. STATE 207712

1. THE FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTS THE REPORT OF MY CONVERSATION
WITH PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA CONTAINED REF A.

2. I BEGAN BY SAYING THAT I FIRST RECEIVED WORD OF THE COUP
ATTEMPT AT 1:55 A.M. NEITHER I NOR ANY MEMBER OF MY MISSION
HAD ANY WORD ABOUT THIS PLOT PRIOR TO THAT. IF I HAD RECEIVED
WORD, I WOULD HAVE INFORMED HIS GOVERNMENT AS I HAD DONE
EARLIER IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR WHEN HE HAD BEEN ABROAD. THE
PRESIDENT NODDED ASSENT, INDICATING THAT HE KNEW I HAD PASSED
INFORMATION TO GENERAL AGUIRRE, WITH THE SECRETARY'S AUTHORI-
ZATION, ON THE PLOT BEING ORGANIZED BY GENERAL GALO LATORRE.

3. SINCE THIS MADE THE POINT THAT WE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH
GENERAL GONZALEZ' COUP ATTEMPT, I DID NOT SPECIFICALLY DENY
ANY INVOLVEMENT AS SUGGESTED REF B. THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN
PROTESTING TOO MUCH, IT SEEMED TO ME. IN ANY EVENT, I
BELIEVE THE PRESIDENT ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATION FOR WHAT
IT WAS, AN HONEST ONE.

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